



# NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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## Passport To The Future

Change is inevitable, yet it is constant with progress.

On December 7th, forty youth 16-19 years of age decided to answer the knock of opportunity and attend the first classes for New Community's Youth Employment and Training program, thus making a progressive change to gain a passport to the future.

This is a new and innovative 40 week program offering participants education in employability and life skills, group dynamics, and in individualized counseling.

Following 4 weeks of orientation, the youths will participate in a 36 week on-the-job-training phase which includes a stipend for each participant. New Community Corporation will be the placement site for the on-the-job training component with placement in over 35 employment areas to be utilized. During this phase NCC workers and supervisors will function as job mentors for the trainees.

Along with the on-the-job training, the youths will attend customized classes at the Essex County Vocational & Technical Schools where they will receive basic skills, GED classes and occupational skills training in the following areas: desk-top publishing; computer graphics; electronics; carpentry; plumbing; electricity; air-conditioning & refrigeration; and data entry/word processing.

At the end of the 40 weeks, participants will be placed in permanent full-time entry level positions. These youths will also have the opportunity to continue free advanced secondary training at Essex County Vocational and Technical Schools for an additional year.

## Community-Based Development Council Offers Services to Clinton

Representing a strong, well established national movement, the Council for Community-Based Development offered their services and resources to the Clinton transition team to help economic recovery in poor communities.

Community-based development organizations exist in all 50 states and have an impressive track record in "bottom up" development, connecting persons in poor communities, both urban and rural, with responsive and effective government programs. Using a "grass roots" approach involving

local resident leadership they encourage self-help and responsibility at this level. New Community is an excellent example of a community development organization.

Their record of success includes the construction or renovation of 320,000 housing units and the creation or retention of 90,000 permanent jobs. They are expert at delivering essential social services and financial help to individuals, small businesses and non-profits in communities across the nation. They have also targeted crime and drug abuse.

Since community-based organizations excel at using federal, state and local government funds to leverage private-sector resources which are so crucial to programs today, the Council for Community-Based Development has proposed a partnership with the Clinton administration.

The Council can provide excellent models for "bottom up" rebuilding of the economy and instant access to a national network of partnerships and financing vehicles reaching out to thousands of community-based

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tional year. The NCC Employment Center staff hosted a festive Christmas party for the class on December 22 at the NCC Commons Pavilion. Gifts were distributed to all trainees and a very hearty lunch was prepared by the NCC World of Foods Restaurant.

Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services, welcomed the group to New Community and urged the trainees to take advantage of NCC's numerous programs. She also stated that the youth employment training project is the first of several educational and training initiatives that the NCC Department of Human Services will sponsor for the youth of Newark. Members of the class thanked NCC for giving them the opportunity to enroll in the training and education classes. They also made the surprise announcement that they have all agreed that their class goal is for all members to obtain their GED. Mrs. Williams

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## New Community's Founder Invited To Clinton Inaugural As A 'Face Of Hope'

Yet another honor has been accorded Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, founder of New Community Corporation, this time by the President-Elect of the United States and Mrs. Clinton, and the Vice President-Elect of the United States and Mrs. Gore, with an invitation to join them at a luncheon honoring him, as part of the Inaugural Week Ceremonies.

"You have been chosen as a 'Face of Hope,' the invitation read, and went on to say that Msgr. Linder had served as an inspiration to them and they would like the opportunity to thank him in person. Msgr. Linder met Hillary Clinton in October at Babyland where they talked about NCC's efforts. Fifty people have been chosen for the honor nationwide.

The theme of the 1993 Presidential Inauguration is "An American Reunion - New Beginnings, Renewed Hope," and signals a reconnection between the people and their government, and a commitment of government to serving the people.

"An American Reunion will honor those who have struggled to lift America up: not only the great leaders of the past - Jefferson, Lincoln and King - but the great citizens of today

who get up every day and strive to make their families lives better and their country stronger," the letter read.

Msgr. Linder will spend the week of the 52nd Presidential Inauguration in



Monsignor William J. Linder

Washington, D.C., as their guest. The activities scheduled for the 'Faces of Hope' include an invitation to the Inaugural Ceremony on January 20th at the United States Capitol followed by the Inaugural Ball.

## New Community Mourns Gov. Hughes

New Community Corporation mourns the passing of former New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes in December. Hughes served as Governor from 1962 to 1970 and later as State Supreme Court Justice from 1973 to 1979.

As Governor during the Newark riots of 1967 Hughes became involved with the fledgling New Community Corporation, a grass roots organization, as he looked into causes of and solutions to the problems which plagued the cities.

He was a man concerned about families and dedicated much time and effort to the plight of the cities. To better serve New Jersey citizens he created the Department of Communi-



Gov. Richard J. Hughes

ty Affairs and the Department of Higher Education, and broadened the scope of many other State agencies.

After helping to restore order following the riots he did not forget New Community. For the 15th Anniversary of the group he joined Father Wm. J. Linder and others at a private luncheon to share his thoughts on the events and progress which it had seen.

He was truly a friend and champion of the people. Hughes contributions left New Jersey a much better place in which to live and work.

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## Faces Of Anticipation



The magic and wonder of Christmas is written all over the faces of the children at Babyland III as they squeal with delight when Santa Claus visited them recently.

## Dreams Come True Thanks To Our Friends



U.P.s. elves (a.k.a. Al, Bob, Mike, Duncan, David and Mark) made their annual trek to New Community a beautiful one. See the February Clarion for more information on our many benefactors this holiday season. Many thanks to all who helped make this a very merry Christmas.

## Babyland Loses Caregiver



Dorothy Jackson

Dorothy Jackson, Caregiver and Shop Steward at Babyland II where the Protective Service Program children are located, passed away on November 16, 1992 after a long illness.

For many years, Dorothy represented her co-workers by serving on the United Industrial Workers negotiating team and grievance committee. She was always an attentive listener and fair in the assessment of the personnel issue.

Dorothy was the ideal role-model for employees as she was one who always carried over sick time, seldom remembered to use her own personal leave time, and put the needs of her special population of children ahead of her own. We shall always remember Dorothy, and Babyland II will sorely miss her.

—Martha Carroll

## Carol Smith Will Be Missed

On December 13, 1992, the Administration Department of Babyland Nursery, Inc., lost an esteemed person and one of its key employees with the passing of Carol Smith.

Carol was our finance assistant, responsible for overseeing collection of parent fees, computer training, and payroll.

Carol began her employment at Babyland as an Administrative Assistant in April, 1985, and was later transferred to New Community Corporation where she served in the same capacity and helped in the development of the Central Maintenance Office. Having completed her assignment at this location, she returned to Babyland and served as Accounts Payable Clerk until she was promoted to her present position.

We will all remember Carol's insistence that computer skills be upgraded to accommodate an improved recordkeeping system for fee collections, client information documentation, and the introduction of innovative computer programs to keep us in tune with the 20th century.

Prior to her illness, she was negotiating with several computer experts for the purchase of a computer system that will be installed at each Babyland site to electronically transmit payroll to the central office,



Carol Smith

interface, and be transmitted to Automated Data Processing. This will be done, according to her plan, effective January 1, 1993.

Carol, as your spirit will always be with your mother, Mary Smith, our Executive Director, Erika, and Melissa, your two beautiful daughters, and your other loved ones, so will it be with us.

—Martha Carroll

## Passport To Future...

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supported the group for setting such an ambitious goal and she pledged the support of New Community to help them achieve it.

Further information about the program can be obtained by calling the following individuals: Ms. Tanya McKoy, Administrator - (201) 733-4960; or Amanda Harrow, Youth

Counselor - (201) 643-3116.

Any employers who wish to participate in the placement phase of the program, please contact either of the persons listed above.

Remember to catch us in next month's Clarion for an update, as participants continue to progress on their "passport to the future."

## Pathmark Employee Of The Month

Patty Cole has been with New Community Pathmark since its first opened, coming in at clerk level. This month she was chosen "Employee of the Month."

Within eight months of the store's grand opening, Patty had been promoted manager of the seafood department, one of the most flourishing departments in the Bergen Street store and now the best seafood department among all Pathmark stores.

Store manager Bill Simmons describes Patty as "a very energetic person who keeps the spirits up in the store" with an upbeat attitude. Every time visitors come they rave about our seafood department because of the massive variety of products always well displayed," he said proudly. "She is one of the backbones of the store."

Patty was also recently married. CONGRATULATIONS!



Patty Cole

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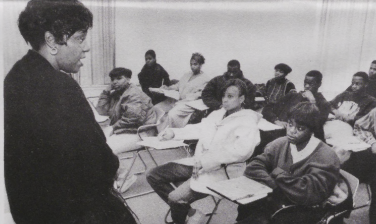
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## Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.



Proper guidance is crucial for today's teens looking to make it in the job market. Here, Youth Counselor Amanda Harrow discusses dressing for success with members of the New Community Youth Employment and Training Program (YETP).

## Prayers For Liberia

The students and teachers of St. Rose of Lima gathered together to pray for the five American sisters who were shot in Liberia and the Liberian women who were missing immediately after the November 1st weekend, when the news was first heard. The students gathered in church to pray for the women and the people of Liberia.

Grades kindergarten through three came together and then the upper grades joined one another in prayer. Pictures of the five sisters, displayed on a Kinta cloth, were in the sanctuary. An easel with a world map was also in front of the church as Sr. Joan pointed out the location and situation of Liberia.

Five candles were placed in front of the pictures of the sisters, and a dialogue reading of the beatitudes by the children helped those in the church remember the words of Jesus. Children from each grade came for-

ward to pray in their own words for the people of Liberia as well as war women. After their prayer, a candle was lit.

The situation in Liberia is a sad one, in which many people have been killed. Through their activities students became aware of other people in the world who need their prayers. Mr. Wilson talked to the children explaining the word Liberia comes from Liberty and noted how the country is now, so far away from the ideal of liberty. It touched our hearts deeply, for St. Rose has children from Liberia and the sisters are the same community as Sr. Joan, a teacher at St. Rose. Sr. Danielle from Extended Care and Sr. Helene from Social Services are also from the same community.

We, the students and teachers of St. Rose, lift the sisters, women and people of Liberia in prayer as we hope for the civil war to stop.



## Six Months Of Productive Effort By New Community Foundation

In the brief six months since the reorganization of the New Community Foundation, significant efforts have been initiated in the areas of fund raising and equally important, by the consulting expertise of the Trustees, reports Chairman John R. Mullen.

Foundation members were warmly welcomed and accepted and their services have been gratefully utilized and appreciated, he reported to his Board of forty-two.

The Public Relations Committee under the leadership of Bob Dilenschneider, Larry Foster, and Don Meaney, and supported by eight of New Jersey's most talented and experienced public relations executives, has developed a strategic plan, and several assignments will be undertaken in 1993 to enhance the image and effectiveness of New Community.

The Health Committee chaired by Dave Collins and ably supported by Desmond O'Connell and Beverly Dunston, provided significant support for New Community's Health Month and is working with New Community's health professionals in developing a March 1993 retreat to create a broad in-depth health needs assessment and problem identification study. The development of this comprehensive strategic plan will result in coordinated efforts to better serve the constituents of New Community with vital health programs.

The Education and Training Committee under the joint chairmanship of Don Mann and Jack Noonan is developing a training program syllabus with the cooperation of some of our major companies. The concept of a New Community University with an accredited curriculum initially taught by our college and university presidents — Father Peterson, Jack Noonan, Zach Yamba and Frank Mertz, is also an agenda item for further discussion and development in 1993. Maureen Broglia and Lois Mancuso have spearheaded the development of a computer literacy program for St. Rose of Lima School, which will serve all of New Community as it develops through the decade. The October 2 concert raised \$20,000 which will be used as seed money for this effort.

Trustee Ralph DelDeo has initiated a New Community Scholarship Program, recruiting some of the best and brightest young professionals in our area to serve as an Advisory Committee. Ralph envisions that this program will provide a significant number of full and partial scholarships to assist young boys and girls in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by some of the alternative elementary and high schools in the greater Newark area.

The Housing and Commercial Development Committee, through the professional expertise of its Chairman Len Lieberman, has been offering advice and counsel to Monsignor Linder and Ray Cody, New Community's Director of Development, on a variety of projects — both in the planning and in the development stages.

## A Spirited Leadership Group

One stormy night in December a courageous group laughing at the weather blew into NCC Commons Senior for the graduation of the seventh class of the New Community Network Leadership Development Institute. Of the twenty-six who began the program in October, fourteen stayed the course. The graduates have every right to be proud of themselves; we are very proud of them. Relatives and friends who gathered in support sported beaming smiles and hearts bursting with pride.

A wonderful spirit developed among these people over the ten weeks. They were humorous, enthusiastic, critical, serious. "This is WNCC" was their form of high praise for speeches well-rendered."

One feature of the nine-week program was presentations on self-esteem and communication skills by Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., principal of Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, a well-loved though serious task-mistress always insisting on practice, practice, practice. Another was lectures on NCC/Babyland history and dreams, as well as current issues geared to invite group involvement. Each participant chose a topic and prepared a speech about it. These topics proved them to be in touch with the times and deter-



Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., congratulates Joylette Bullock upon completion of the Leadership Development Institute Program at New Community, as Program Coordinator Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett looks on.

and Harriet Price to our host and hostesses with the mostest, Richard Barfield and Marian Simpson. These gracious tenants always outdo themselves to make sure all their guests are comfortable. The meeting room looked beautiful, adorned with Christmas decorations provided by the tenants, and the many special touches

Medal. Congratulations to all.

After hearing the speeches of the graduates, Elma Bateman of the NCC Board of Directors and guest speaker for the evening put aside her prepared notes and incorporated ideas from each one of the speeches she heard into her reflections on leadership. Her words of support were, as always, challenging and encouraging.

Sr. Doris Ann expressed good wishes, then presented the diplomas. Afterwards Certificates of Perfect Attendance were presented to: Elizabeth Brookins, Kareemah Perry and Gwen Townsend.

The contribution of many network members to the Leadership Development Institute was recognized by Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett, program coordinator, who presented Certificates of Appreciation to those present.

Before adjourning to enjoy refreshments prepared by Chef Joe Rodriguez of the Priory Restaurant and presented by Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Barfield, former graduates present congratulated and welcomed their new colleagues. Over the years, this part of the celebration has become increasingly moving as people return to renew friendships and inspiration, and to offer both to their newly graduated peers.

### A Leadership Opportunity

As a post-script to the celebration, very much in keeping with the nature of the group, one of the graduates, Samantha McClelland of United Community Corporation described a disgraceful situation at one of the Public Schools in Newark: Their eighth grade class has a three percent literacy rate. Ninety-seven percent of the students need to be tutored if they are to pass their high school entrance exams, which they can re-take in January. Perhaps an hour a week of tutoring would do the trick. It would definitely do something. Those present were invited to volunteer, and you are too. Call New Community Social Services, 623-6114 for more information. Thanks, Samantha, for presenting us with this opportunity to make a difference. That is what leadership is all about.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett



Sr. Doris Ann and Sr. Mary Ellen pose proudly with medal winners, left to right: JoAnn Beeks (gold), Cathy Martin (silver), and Kareemah Perry (bronze). Congratulations ladies!

mined to make our world a better place. Arthur Wilson, President of the NCC Board of Directors, commented on how the topics of the graduation speech he has heard over the course of the Institute have changed, and what that says about how our society has changed during that time.

It would be difficult to match the hospitality of the Commons Senior people. They really roll out the red carpet: from Manager Deliahave and Security Officers Vanessa Dicks

of Glady's McCross, (Bronze Medal, Fall '88) who helps get things in readiness for every graduation celebration.

Elsie Best, Director of the Home Friends Program (Silver Medal, Fall '90) opened the ceremonies with prayer. Seven previously-chosen finalists made speeches they had prepared over the course of the program. Choosing seven of the fourteen was the difficult task of graduates Gloria Chambers (Gold Medal, Spring '90) and Lisa and Dennis Thomas (Bronze Medal, '91). Selecting three finalists from the seven finalists was close to impossible for Emma Jean Miller-Curlin (Bronze Medal, '89), Joyce Cook, '91 and Sr. Mary Anne Henagan, '91.

### The Winners Are

Although each of the fourteen participants deserves a gold medal, the judges selected: Kareemah Perry - Bronze Medal; Cathy Martin - Silver Medal; and Jo Ann Beeks - Gold

## Council Officers...

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organizations which serve residents of poor communities.

They have also offered to help prepare a "Vision For Policy Change" whereby a community-based approach can be developed in all federal agencies that affect conditions in poor communities, even those which have not traditionally related to low-income communities (e.g. Energy, Defense).

If a new federal effort for community-based development is forthcoming, the Council can suggest experienced and talented men and women who are available to help.

Financial help which the Council can provide exists in researching and using existing federal programs to leverage private capital and talent.

With the advantage of experience and a desire to help, the Council for Community-Based Development could provide the Clinton administration with a jump-start on economic recovery in poor communities.

## THE LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 1992

|                     |                                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Joann W. Beeks      | St. Rocco School                          |
| Elizabeth Brookins  | NC Extended Care                          |
| Dorothy J. Brown    | St. Rocco School; St. Rose of Lima Parish |
| Tracey Brown        | Home Health Care                          |
| Joylette Bullock    |                                           |
| Isaac Durette       | Essex County Division on Aging            |
| Theresa Gill        | Babyland-Jesuit Volunteer                 |
| Bryant D. Hall      | St. Joseph Plaza                          |
| Cathy Martin        | NC Security                               |
| Samantha McClelland | United Community Corporation              |
| Kareemah Perry      | Babyland                                  |
| William Robinson    | Central Maintenance                       |
| Regina Simmons      | Harmony House - Relocation                |
| Gwen Townsend       | St. Rocco School                          |

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## A Tree Glows In Harmony House

Although few in numbers, the students of Kean College school of Social Work, (taught by our own Ms. J. Rodriguez) came prepared to capture the attention and hearts of the children of Harmony House.

They were armed with a guitar, a tree, lights, arts and craft supplies, cookies, candy, soda and a spirit to bring a little joy and happiness to the children during this holiday season.

The students began with a few Christmas songs, followed by ornament making and snacks. Next, came the set-up to trim the tree.

As you can see from the pictures the gathering was a shining success. A little bit of the true meaning of Christmas was experienced by all who participated in the program.

FOR 'TIS THE SEASON OF... GIVING.  
Harmony House Youth Department



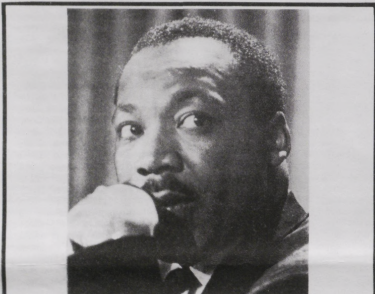
If exuberance was measured in dollars, then these folks would all be millionaires! Kean College social work students and Harmony House residents and staff recently collaborated for a fabulous tree trimming Christmas party.

## Open Thank You Letter

The VISTA Volunteers of New Community Harmony House would like to thank each and everyone who participated in our coat drive for the homeless. The drive was an overwhelming success. We received 200 coats along with numerous bags of clothing and other apparel. The

families were really appreciative for the coats and apparel they received. Again, we would like to thank everyone and look forward to working with you all again in the future.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Administrator



You are invited to attend the annual  
**REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
BENEFIT DINNER**

for the  
**New Community Youth Scholarship Fund**

Thursday, January 14, 1993 at 6 p.m.

at  
New Community Roseville  
1 South 8th Street, Newark, NJ

Donation: \$5.00 per person

For details, contact NCC Social Services at 623-6114

*"Your donation could help a doctor, a lawyer, or a King"*



## Here's Looking At You!!!

To create a more homey atmosphere, pictures of residents were blown up and hung throughout the facility, giving the residents much enjoyment seeing themselves, while at the same time beautifying their "home."

Pictured are residents Frank Johnson and Wanda Davis, CNA, resident Agnes Breslin and Maryann Pringle, CNA.



## ★★★A Star For State Tree★★



Cassandra Berry displays a Christmas ornament made by Doris Crenshaw. The ornament was sent to Gov. and Mrs. Florio for the State Christmas tree in Trenton.

## Turnabout Is Fair Play

Did anyone notice a steady stream of people going in and out of the small conference room at St. Joseph Plaza recently? And wonder why?

Many out of the ordinary events spotlighting our 25th anniversary have already been held, but one remains to be published — a history of the unique organization which is New Community, as we complete our 25th year.

So many people are looking into the "why" of our success that Bob Guskind, contributing editor to National Journal, Planning Magazine and writer on Urban Affairs came to interview some of the long-time supporters and organizers of New Community. He conducted 18 interviews over a period of 5 days.

Mr. Guskind is a Georgetown graduate who has studied law, radio and TV and eventually journalism writing leading to travels around the world — to China, Croatia, the Berlin Wall and happily to New Community here in Newark.

The history of New Community is being co-authored with Neal R. Pierce,

Washington Post syndicated columnist and author of *Urban Affairs and Community Development*. It will be a 30-40 page glossy production.

A grant from the Prudential Foundation has made the work possible.



Bob Guskind



# Many Lives Touched In 3 Years At Harmony House

Since the inception of Harmony House over four hundred and fifty (450) homeless families have been served.

Over 270 individuals have graduated from Harmony House. The following former Harmony House residents are representative of those who have beaten the odds and have made advancements towards self-sufficiency.

## 1990 Graduates

Beale, L.

Clark, B.

Felton, J.  
Patrick, A.  
Snipes, K.

Teel, R.  
Whitehead, D.  
Wright, J.

## 1991 Graduates

Barrow, R.  
Benson, R.  
Broadnax, L.

Brown, C.

Cadena, A.  
Caraballo, A.  
Carter, D.

Copeland, C.

Faison, K.  
Flores, Z.

Freeman, L.

Goode, E.  
Hall, K.  
Jordan, M.

Macri, L.

Mayes, E.  
Morris, S.  
Washington, S.  
Williams, P.  
Williams, T.  
Yancey, D.

## 1992 Graduates

Bulger, E.

Camp, T.  
Carnegie, P.  
Dupree, D.

Emmanueli, S.  
Green, S.  
Hayes-Clark, R.

Jackson, M.  
Johnson, M.  
Jones, M.

King, K.  
Lambert, D.  
Lee, J.

Machado, M.  
Mitchell, C.  
Smith, G.

Washington, L.

Housing situations today of these families:

- 5 in NCC market rate housing
- 16 in other market rate housing
- 25 in subsidized rental housing
- 46 total

## Work or Training Program

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

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Employed with NCC maintenance.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Employed as an emergency health transport driver.

Completed Apex Technical Training Program, employed. Former VISTA volunteer, accepted to college 1/93.

SCS Business School.

Part-time employment with Pathmark-Elizabeth, cashier. Completed REACH Program, Home Health Aide Training - now employed.

Graduate Urban League Ultra Center, employed at PTC Computer School.

Employed as used car salesman.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Completed Essex County College computer course.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Grad. of Project Re-Direction, accepted to Union City Nursing Prog. 1/93.

Completed NCC Home Health Aide Training.

Enrolled in Union County REACH Program.

Employed at Elizabeth Gen. dietician in training.

Employed with Newark Board of Ed., regular substitute teacher.

Employed at NCC Food Delivery Service.

SCS Computer School, P/T employed.

Employed as salesperson/cashier.

Enrolled in Union County REACH Program.

Employed with St. Rose of Lima Maintenance Department.

Completed NCC Home Health Aide Training Program.

Former VISTA volunteer, presently employed as a day care worker.

Part-time merchant - entrepreneur.

Former Harmony House VISTA volunteer.

Graduate 12/92 of Essex County College Lab Technician Program.

Employed at Harmony House Maintenance Department.

Employed as bank teller.

Former Harmony House VISTA vol., accepted to Union City College 1/93.

VISTA volunteer at Harmony House - 1/93.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Employed as a cashier.

Employed as Home Health Aide.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Certified teacher aid.

Accepted to Essex County College - 1/93.

Completed Home Health Aide Training, employed as such by NCC.

Completed Home Health Aide Training.



Marcie Johnson

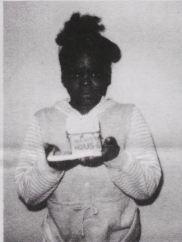


Jenny Wright

## State Christmas Tree Ornament

New Community Harmony House youth were honored to participate in the decoration of the State Christmas tree.

The youth and staff of Harmony House were very diligent and careful in designing an ornament that best represents the families "hopes" and "needs," during this Holiday Season. The choice was bells, wreaths and



Harmony House resident Najeeah Eason displays the handcrafted ornament sent to Governor Florio.

the Harmony House Logo-A House. The choice of course was a house, representing the need for housing - homes for children.

Milk cartons, glue, glitter, construction paper and care went into the making of the ornament.

The ornament was sent on November 30, 1992, to Governor and Mrs. James J. Florio with "Seasons Greetings."

Harmony House Youth Department



Jackie Moore



Samuel Emmanueli

## World On Ice

On November 25, 1992, the Harmony House Youth attended the showing of "Beauty and the Beast on Ice" at the Meadowlands Arena. Thanks to the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA), Harmony House received discount tickets for the "Annual Newark's Night" event.

The show was very spectacular and exciting for the youth and elicited these comments from the youth:

•ZAQUANE THOMAS (AGE 14): "I liked the action when Gaston and the Beast were fighting."

MARQUILA WATSON (AGE 9): "I liked when the Tea Pots were moving, and the part that Harmony House's seats were up so high."

RAYSHAUN HICKS (AGE 14): "I liked the ride to the Meadowlands and the Beast at the end."

MAHOGANY HARE (AGE 8): "I liked all of it."

The youth had a wonderful time. They said they cannot wait until next year!!

Albert Workfield  
Youth Program Coordinator

## The Road To Success

We at New Community Harmony House are proud of the students who are excelling academically. We would like to give them recognition for their hard work and determination.

Kareem Spellman - age 13, is an 8th grader at Camden Middle School. We recognize him for excellence. He received A's and B's on his report card, and scored 9.9 in reading, and 9.0 in math on the achievement test. He has perfect attendance. Keep striving for excellence Kareem.

Aziya Justinians was chosen for most improved. She is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Camden Middle School. Her grades have improved dramatically from last year. She obtained A's, B's and C's; she also has perfect attendance. Aziya's overall improvement is

attributed to hard work and the will-

ingness to succeed. Keep up the good work Aziya.

Honorable mention for Jason Williams, age 7, a 2nd grader at 14th Avenue School. He has mostly A's, B's and C's.

Scherazade Young, 12 years old, 8th grader at Myrtle Avenue School, obtained A's, B's and C's on this first marking period.

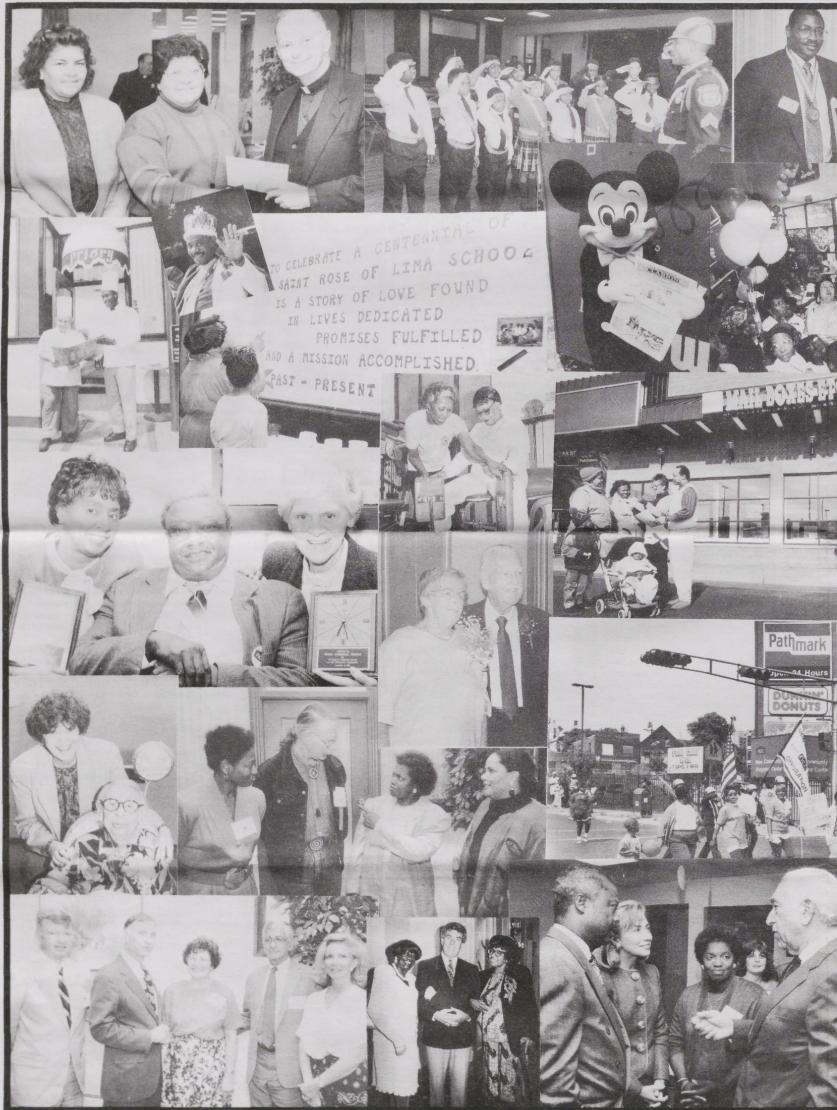
The aforementioned children attend the after school program at New Community Harmony House where they receive homework assistance and tutoring.

We are proud of all of them and hope that they will continue to strive for academic excellence.

Joann Williams  
VISTA Worker



# A Look Back At 1992









## BABYLAND HEALTH FOCUS

### Disciplining Our Children

by Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.

This article is part 1 of a series on disciplining children. It is meant to be a practical approach to problems that parents face every day. Each article will address discipline that is appropriate to each stage in the child's development. This month will focus on infants through 9 months of age.

There is something to be said about the healing power of positive thinking. People who have an "up beat" outlook on life tend to be healthier, look better and live longer than people who complain and worry away their days. It is important for adults to feel good about themselves in spite of the problems of day to day living. Moreover, it is important not to miss the fact that our attitudes have a great impact on our children.

Children pick up on negativity. In-

fants can sense the harsh tones in your voice and will react to it by being even more irritable. Even though they are not as responsive to your coos or cuddles as you would like, in their own way they will answer you with less colic or restless naps. One thing that annoys me is when I hear mothers call their children greedy or stupid or even worse when they curse and swear at the infant. At this stage infants need you for everything. They are not responsible for their actions and all they know are the basics of life; hunger, pain, cold and warmth, wet and dry. By 6-9 months feelings of safety and serenity play a larger role.

Do not underestimate the moods you set in the household. Babies need to see us smile.

## Babyland Welcomes L.P.N.

Babyland Nursery Inc. welcomes Saren Space L.P.N. as our newest member to the health services staff. She will be assisting Mrs. Soledad Alston P.N.P., Health Director. Her background includes early childhood education as well as dental hygiene. The goal is to provide comprehensive

health services to the Babyland Community by increasing our services to include universal yearly screening for anemia, lead poisoning, and tuberculosis. She will also be assisting Dr. Lori with periodic physical examinations which include developmental, hearing and vision screening.

## Nutritionist For Parent-Child Program

Babyland is happy to welcome Ms. Victoria Hollist as the new Nutritionist for the PCC (Parent-Child Program). She will be working with Soledad Alston, nurse practitioner, who is Babyland Health Coordinator for the Parent-Child Program. Ms. Hollist works at the WIC office on Williams Street in Newark as a Dieti-

ticians and children. These surveys will be examined and gone over with each parent individually. In this way Ms. Hollist hopes to make all of the PCC families aware of the vital need for good eating habits and how this impacts on one's health. She will give practical input on how to make nutritious snacks, ideas on low budget menus and counseling on how to best meet each individual's dietary needs.

Sister Suzanne Janis  
Parent Involvement Coordinator



Victoria Hollist (right) provides important nutritional information to participants in the Parent Child Program.

cian Nutritionist and is a consultant for the children, parents and staff of the PCC Program at Babyland.

Ms. Hollist holds workshops for the parents and educates them concerning the importance of good nutrition for the health of both mother and child. Babyland's Head Start Parent-Child Program services teenage mothers and fathers, as well as children from families who are HIV positive or have AIDS. Therefore, the importance of offering good nutrition awareness and education is most necessary and valuable in helping to meet the unique needs of the families being served.

Recently, Ms. Hollist gave out a survey to the parents in order to determine the nutritional needs of both

## It's The People

"It's the people that make you want to do this," responded Sgt. Darren McKnight of the Security Department while talking to him about his job here at Douglass-Harrison. Sgt. McKnight has been with New Community Corp. for the past two years. When approached about five months ago by Director of Security William Hicks about the need for an on-site Sergeant here at Douglass-Harrison, Sgt. McKnight said he was willing to come.



Douglass-Harrison residents, young and old alike, appreciate the great job being done by Sgt. McKnight.

Having been here for five months now, Sgt. McKnight feels that things have improved. Many of the tenants,

## Security Corner

### Officer Of The Month

Officer Mike Whitley takes his job of protecting the residents of New Community housing seriously, as evidenced by the following story which qualified him as December's Officer of the Month.

Officer Whitley was assigned to the roof detail on the 12 midnight to 8 a.m. shift the night of the nameless "100 year storm" we recently experienced. The entire phone system in the area went out due to the battering winds and rain and even building officers could not call one another or the base station.

This dedicated officer could have been huddled in a corner on the roof

refused to admit them, but they would not stop trying to break in. The officer could not call the base for assistance but from the roof, Officer Whitley could see what was happening and on his hand unit called to Sgt. Preston, also on duty in the complex, requesting help for Officer Coleman.

Director of Security William Hicks was with Sgt. Preston when the call was received, since he was concerned the storm would present some dangerous situations and the two men responded to 265 Morris, where they succeeded in sending the two suspects on their way.

Officer Whitley did not know the Director was on Complex nor did he



NCC Security Director, William Hicks, congratulates Michael Whitley on being named security officer of the month for January.

trying to get out of the cold, biting, wet elements—but he was not. He patrolled the roof to catch any problems and in so doing at 4 a.m. observed two men banging on the outer door of 265 Morris Avenue, which houses seniors and young handicapped.

They were unknown to the officer on duty inside, Officer Coleman, who

know the location of Sgt. Preston, but thanks to his alertness and level headedness and dedication to duty he averted what could have been a major problem.

What a credit to our Security Department!

## Found: A Career

She came to New Community looking for a job, and when Cathy Martin found one here in 1987 that'll tell it was for her awhile... a pay check.

New Community can grow on you however, and she became aware of the need for "dedicated people committed to making our little community and Newark a safer place to live."

When she returned a second time in May of 1991 as a security officer, she



Sgt. Cathy Martin

was assigned to Douglas Homes and later to base station as a dispatcher. After a 6-week maternity leave she returned with a desire to do something more than she had previously —

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St. Yvette Arnold



## Found: A Career

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something more challenging — so she asked Director Hicks to give her an opportunity to work the Complex.

Cathy Martin had found a career. Only a few women had worked the Complex, but after much consideration, Security Director Hicks granted her request and Cathy found herself. She loves having more contact with people and the need to feel her day has ended in having helped someone has been filled.

Part of the Director's decision was based on the success he had with Sgt. Wanda Williams, who was the first female Complex Sergeant. He decided to give Cathy the same chance, and her performance to date has been excellent. Her dedication to duty, fine report writing, has not gone unnoticed.

The Director recently recommended Officer Martin for the New Community Leadership Institute, where she did not disappoint him; on the contrary, she was the recipient of a silver medal.

We congratulate Cathy and her career and know she will always make the Security Department proud.

I would like you to meet Mattie Morris. In fact, I would like everyone to meet Mattie Morris. She is remarkable. Not only does she live in New Community, she works at Babyland, takes courses to enhance her caregiving skills, and volunteers in New Community watching the children whose parents participate in the ten week Leadership Development Institute.

I first met Ms. Mattie — as fans young and old call her — when I invited her to participate in the Leadership Development Institute one year. I was disappointed when she declined because studies towards certification in child care kept her so busy.

As it turned out, that was a very lucky day for me, for Ms. Mattie agreed to take care of participants' children. (Not only do her little charges at Babyland love her — the night shift as well as the day shift — but her knowledgeability about the inner working of Babyland III is invaluable to me — a frequent visitor, but a visitor nonetheless.) Taking care of older children gives her the opportunity to observe them, and this helps with her class work. She has a similar opportunity in summer, when she works on Babyland's Summer Enrichment Program for children from five to twelve years old.

Mattie Morris has been living on

Somerset Street in Douglass-Harrison for two years. Although she is the mother of eight children, 5 girls and three boys, only one son is now at home with her. Ms. Mattie loves her apartment, and the people in her building.



"Miss Mattie" Morris

"We look out for one another," she says.

Ms. Mattie began working at Babyland III in 1989. In the begin-

ing, she worked part-time, taking care of infants. She became a bus attendant, a "booster," then finally began working full-time with 2 and 3 year old children. "I enjoy it," Mattie told me. "Although we have our own children, we still can learn. I talk with the children's parents; get them involved with what their children are doing at Babyland. I love to see the expressions on their faces when they tell me what their children do at home. I invite the parents to come and sit in the classroom for as long as they want."

Ms. Mattie is a very wise woman. She has observed people who "put off and put off doing what they want to do because they doubt themselves. They say what they want to do, but never get around doing it. There will always be someone to help, to encourage you and stand behind you — co-workers, supervisors, friends. Just open your mouth and say what you need. You never get too old to learn. I advise anybody who wants to work and can work to work. Have a goal. Go for it! The main thing is, God is on your side. He will be your strength," she finished.

Well said, Mattie Morris of Kermit's Room I in Babyland III. I believe that you, and God, are the strength behind many, many people, big and little.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett



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## At Your (Social) Service

### After-Schoolers & NAPP Share Party

The month of December has brought great joy and excitement to the NCC After-School Program. The children took great pride in making gifts for the residents of the 180 Senior Building, which they presented to them during a Christmas program.

The students also had a Christmas party on December 22, 1992. This

month the children learned that it feels just as good to give as it does to receive. Everyone in the NCC After-School Program hopes you had an enjoyable Holiday.

Members of the Newark Adolescent Parenting Program (NAPP) and their children were also invited.



Members of the NCC After School Program and NAPP recently joined together for a Christmas party. There were refreshments, presents and even a visit from the one and only Santa Claus!

### Let There Be Light

On Wednesday, December 2, 1992, an annual tradition took place at NC Commons, 140 South Orange Avenue. It was the lighting of the New Community Christmas tree.

This year was extra special because there had been a new tree planted on the mound guarding the corners of South Orange Avenue and Irvine Turner Boulevard.

It was a cold night outside as the collection of seniors grew near the entrance to catch a glimpse of the coming ceremony.

A van pulled up in front and a dozen voices from Harmony House spilled out and were quickly assembled under the tree, with the help of Ms. Pat Brown a New Community resident and a Vista Volunteer at Harmony House. Also on hand were Manuel Burse, Activities Coordinator with the youth and Boy Scouts at Harmony and several other workers.

The children sang carols and watch-



The ever-enchanted Sr. Margaret makes the rounds with some freshly baked Dunkin' Donuts.

ed as Sr. Anastasia Hearne of Social Services blessed the tree and asked for peace and unity throughout the world, and especially at New Community.

It was then time for the grand hour. Out came a cry of "Let there be light."



Harmony House children rejoice with a little help from NC Commons residents.

pronounced grandly by Board member Mr. Joe Chaneyfield. At that very moment the brilliance of the multi-colored lights pierced the darkness with a joyous splendor that made watching eyes dance and brought smiles to the faces of many (even the faces seen peeking out the windows on the floors overlooking the tree).

The group in procession entered the building singing, "This Little Light of Mine," and continued to the community room where there was a lot of sharing and singing in an impromptu fashion. To warm everyone there was lots of hot chocolate with marshmallows and delicious Dunkin' Donuts.

Symbolic of the tree was our little family — a great gathering of people of all different sizes and ages, all growing together in harmony, something which needs to be echoed throughout the land.

To all people everywhere, "Let your little light shine all around you and take it everywhere you go."

"WISHING ALL A BLESSED NEW YEAR."

### Happenings At Manor Senior

At ten o'clock Monday morning, December 7th, tenants and students from St. Rose of Lima School arrived in the Community Room ready for a treat! The Apprentice Choir from Newark Boys Chorus School — 4th & 5th graders under the direction of Mr. Pierson — had assembled to sing a medley of religious and secular songs for us.

Mrs. Sara Hamill, a teacher from the school was also present.

After the concert, refreshments were provided by Mrs. Bea Quittley, Mrs. Ida Armour and several other tenants who baked cakes and brownies.

An inspiring, enjoyable morning was had by all.

Autumn Stages, a spirited animated troupe under the direction of Rosilyn Wilder, visited us in November. Friendship was the theme of their

Hicks and Mrs. Elizabeth Jennings received invitations to a Workshop with the troupe at Bloomfield College, January 13th.

The hill in front of 545 is aglow with a lighted creche. The Baby, Mary and Joseph are an inspiration as are the other figures. A result of the talent, reflection and effort of Mr. William Edwards.

On December 10th, a rainy Thursday night, the student choir of St. Rose of Lima under the direction of Ms. Emily Ross began our crib blessing service with a rendition of Gentle Woman. Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chavez then blessed the Crib and with all participating, the lights went on and we proceeded, singing, joyously into the Community Room.

Evangelist Henrietta Dukes welcomed us, Brother Raymond Davis



The melodic voices of the children filled the halls at Manor Senior on a chilly day in December.

presentation. Fifth grade students and tenants participated with the troupe in prepared and impromptu skits.

A goal of the troupe was to encourage intergenerational programs and they succeeded in every skit. One was very touching — a little boy in 5th grade, two little girls, and an aunt and a mother. Angie (Mrs. Angela Hicks) brought down the house when she jumped out off her seat and declared she would take care of the little pet! Fun and good exchange between "the old" and "the young" continued during refreshments.

Because of their participation, Mrs.

played the piano, our Gospel Singers, Ms. Ora Waters, Olean Kimbrough, Angela Hicks and Henrietta Dukes burst out in beautiful song. The students of St. Rose of Lima School gave spirited renditions of Jungle Rock and Felice Navidad followed by Ms. Emily Ross who rendered a stirring O Holy Night. Mr. Grady Kimbrough added his talent with his "alive" harmonica.

Dunkin' Donuts graciously provided our fresh treat with cocoa. Mrs. Ida Armour and Ms. Ann Shorr were our hostesses.

All had an enjoyable evening.

### Student Of The Month

December's student of the month is Calvin Harris. Calvin is a new student in the NCC After-School Program, but has adjusted well and gets along well with his peers. Calvin is five years old and the smallest one in the program. He is often called Chucky by everyone.



Calvin "Chucky" Harris

His special interest is art. He really enjoys the bi-weekly trips to the museum, as well as socializing with the older children.

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## Douglass-Harrison Kids Were Good!



Santa was traveling around Newark checking on how good or bad the children were when he discovered that the children who live at Douglass-Harrison were exceptionally good this year. This prompted Santa to make a special pre-Christmas visit to the Social Service Office so that he could speak personally to all the children who came. He, Santa, thanked the children and reminded them not to forget to leave the cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

## The Fan Man Supplies Heaters

A generous donation by an anonymous benefactor has enabled the New Community Department of Human Services to purchase and distribute space heaters to clients of NCC programs who live throughout the City of Newark. Once again, Mr. Joseph Walsh of the Ameller Foundation, put us in contact with the donor.

According to Florence Williams, NCC Director of Human Services, "We call our benefactor, 'the fan man,' because of his first contribution to us last year, which we used to buy fans for our program clients who were living in shattering apartments. He wanted to make sure that elderly and disabled clients of our home care and social services programs, had fans to help them survive the heat."

Now, that winter is upon us, "the fan man" has once again come to the rescue of folks who can use space heaters because they are living in cold, drafty apartments in the city. The NCC network quickly took action when we received the check for \$2,000.00. Names of needy clients were supplied by the following NCC Programs: Social Services Meals on Wheels, Home Friends, Home Health, the Ryan White Family Comfort Program, and Hispanic Development. Barbara Ford, Human Services Secretary, coordinated the purchase with Grainger's, a local vendor. Mr. Bob West, of NCC Central Maintenance, was responsible for pick-up and distribution of the heaters.

Although our benefactor wishes to remain anonymous, the recipients of the heaters are very grateful to him and his family. Elsie Best, Administrator of the Home Friends Program said, "You should have seen the expressions on our clients' faces when they received the heaters. Many of the spend long chilly days at home, because they are shut-ins. Now, at least they can keep warm."

Florence Williams

## Discussion On Women's Health

On November 18th, many residents of NC Douglas and their guests attended a mini workshop on Women's Health Issues.

The workshop was arranged through Mr. Maxie Rivers, a sales representative of a pharmaceutical company who visits New Community frequently. Mr. Rivers contacted Doctor Elaine Douglas, a most knowledgeable person in her field.

Dr. Douglas addressed the group on the concerns of osteoporosis and the causes and conditions of menopause. Her talk invoked many questions and comments. The group especially liked the fact that Doctor Douglas is an African American woman. Dr. Douglas took time out from her busy schedule, which includes full family practice, to address the group.

After the workshop there was a delicious luncheon set up and provided by Mr. Rivers and his caterers. The meal which was Oriental style broccoli and chicken, southern fried chicken and shrimp and rice served as a welcome and nutritious ending to a wonderful talk.

Mr. Rivers has been familiar with the New Community buildings for some time and has been visiting many of them during the holidays just to say hello, at times donating items which



Douglas Homes residents Thelma Dawe and Helen Vaughan chat with Dr. Elaine Douglas prior to her workshop on women's health issues.

would be used as stocking stuffers or give aways.

The women at Douglas really enjoyed the afternoon and even asked if it had been planned to have a Doctor come who shared the name of their home. It was said, "Why not...Douglas is a great name which endures through time and keeps getting better."

For other special workshops keep

reading the Clarion and checking the monthly calendar available through the Social Services Department at New Community and at various locations in the NCC Network.

March is Women's month and you can be sure there will be something special planned.

For more information contact Joyce Cook, NC Social Services, at (201) 623-6114.

## Service America Grant Awarded

The Office of Special and Intergency Programs of the N.J. Department of Higher Education has announced that St. Rose of Lima Elementary School has been awarded a \$25,000 grant in the school-based community service program, Service America. The Chancellor of Higher Education chose St. Rose and its four partner schools from 50 applicants state-wide. New Jersey is administering federal funds received under the 1990 National and Community Service Act which was designed to make available meaningful community service opportunities to everyone regardless of their income, race or background.

In calling for proposals the department expressed concern that in the last 25 years our state has divided into two New Jerseys: one that is affluent, suburban and white; the other poor, inner city, and African American and Hispanic. The Service America program was designed to unite in common cause suburbs and cities, young and old, and people of all races and classes. Its goal is to use the state's most valuable resource, its citizens, to involve all sectors of our state in cooperative community service efforts to help recreate "One New Jersey."

One requisite for submission was that a partnership be formed between a school in a low-wealth district and one from a medium to high-wealth district. Because St. Rose already enjoys a working relationship with four suburban high schools through its one-on-one tutoring program, the same schools were invited to planning meetings for the new grant by Sister Dolores Russo, the educational planner for St. Rose.

Students, teachers, and parents from all five schools: St. Rose; Oak Knoll in Summit; Seton Hall Prep in West Orange; Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell; and Delbarton in Morristown, met with Sister Barbara Boyle, an NCC grant writer, several times throughout the fall to devise a workable and useful activity. They finally decided on an oral history project, which they called "Bridges to the Past - We Have Stories, Too."

In their successful proposal they described a plan for students to work in pairs to collect an oral history of residents of Rosedale and the Central Ward, chiefly but not exclusively

senior citizens. A tentative work plan includes topics like "Moving: Southern Voices; Northern Lives - the great rural-urban migration." The planners felt that the service of the youngsters would perform in visiting the older people would be both to alleviate their loneliness and document their experiences and memories. Besides assuring them that their lives have had meaning and value, the children will learn respect and appreciation for the recent past. Stories

will be taped, edited, written and published. Some will form the basis for a musical drama to be produced with the help of Mrs. Emily Ross of St. Rose. Others will be woven into a quilt of understanding. Many other activities are planned for the project, including a visit to the Ellis Island Oral History Project to learn techniques and to see how simple objects and ordinary lives acquire more value with the passage of time.

Sister Barbara Boyle

## Keeping An Eye On Good Health

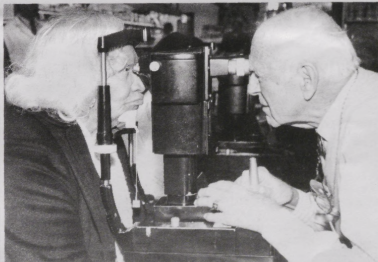
On November 6, the Telephone Pioneers of America paid a visit to the Bergen Street Pathmark located in the New Community Shopping Center to perform eye screenings for visual acuity and glaucoma. Local residents, shoppers and employees lined up for the free testing.

The Telephone Pioneers of America, the world's largest volunteer organization of retired and active employees, was founded in 1911. With more than 100 chapters located in the lower 48 states and Canada, current membership exceeds 800,000. The recent eye screening was initiated by the Frank B. Jewett chapter no. 54. The chapter was named in honor of the first presi-

dent of Bell Laboratories.

The equipment used for the screening was purchased in conjunction with the National Society to Prevent Blindness (NSPB) and includes a \$6,000 tonometer which is used to measure pressure within the eye. NSPB also provides the initial training for the Pioneers. Free testing is provided for area residents as a community service.

Many of our residents stopped by the Pathmark for the free eye screening. Mrs. Celia Davis, who lives in New Community Associates, thinks the free testing is a Godsend. "I come to most all the free screenings that New Community has. I plan to stay healthy for a long time and this really helps," said Mrs. Davis.



Free eye screenings are a blessing for seniors on a fixed income. Here, Telephone Pioneer Dick Grow tests NC Associates resident Celia Davis.

## Greeting The Season With Song



Delightful, heartwarming music really creates a festive holiday mood. The St. Rose of Lima Choir, led by Ms. Emily Ross "rocked the house" when they visited the lunchtime crowd at St. Joseph Plaza.

## Assess The Consequences

A consequence is a condition produced or resulting from an act or series of acts. To assess a consequence is to determine its importance, value, or effect.

Society tends to hold man accountable for his acts; thus it is reasonable that assessment be given to certain acts, motives behind them, and consequences stemming as a result of them. Some acts may proceed from natural feelings or native tendencies, while other acts, other than rational, may develop from momentary impulse operating on a driving power of intense emotional desire without apparent external constraint, lacking good judgment. Sudden inclination or excitement may influence some people to unpremeditated action: misdeeds, misdemeanors or felonies which might be thwarted by a strong preconceived moral system, already in place within the individual. Where premeditated act is involved it is beneficial for one to have a traditional moral system serve as criteria in evaluating the act and serve as a deterrent.

As thought is the parent of deed it is well to be concerned with the quality of that thought and to examine its value judgment.

There is a line in a song: "look down, look down, that lonesome road before you travel on," warning one to consider seriously what lies ahead before deciding on pursuing a particular course of action. We might consider what could result should one utter unkind words; commit harmful deeds; neglect responsibilities; or act incomm-

passionately. Had the perpetrator taken into consideration the penalty he or she would have to pay, they might not have committed the felony. Correctional institutions have many sorry residents who failed, in advance, to count the cost of their acts. Had the foolish youth experiencing an unwanted pregnancy or parenthood taken into consideration that what might happen could include: deprived child; unprepared child care; disrupted or lost career; lack of preparation for work to support baby and self, he/she might have not succumbed to the unsure lustful act.

Perpetrators are selfish. They think mainly about themselves and their self gratification. They ignore the feelings of their parents and of those who love them. When people take time to seriously think about things and conditions that could happen as a result of their behavior and acts they might decide not to commit certain acts for it might not be worth it, and the price to pay might be higher than they might want to pay. The price might involve: undesirable lifestyle; incarceration; injury or death.

There would be less deprived children; unhappy youth and parents; less disorganized and broken homes; less unsafe communities; less police and court involvement should people assess the consequences before committing the act.

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
Newark Public Library

## An Early Winter Festival

On Saturday, February 27, 1993, Saint Rose of Lima is holding its Winter Festival. (This is replacing our Spring Festival.) This festival is not only a night of fun and celebration but it is the major fund raising event for our school and for the social services associated with the school. Saint Rose of Lima School is a part of the New Community Network. This night of celebration and Prize Auction gives an opportunity to show appreciation for what we are trying to accomplish at Saint Rose, beginning its second century serving Newark.

An event such as a Festival and Auction assumes the time of a great number of people — people who have many demands on their time. Yet each year they are faithfully with us. This is our 12th year. Perhaps it is because many of them have experienced for themselves the advantages of a solid education provided by Saint Rose of Lima School. Or some may have children whose futures depend on the quality of education provided by this alternative school in Newark. St. Rose of Lima has been making a difference in people's lives since 1891.

Saint Rose of Lima School is a school which creates an atmosphere in which Christianity is a way of life. The faculty encourages each child to develop his/her spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical potential in an at-

mosphere where mutual respect and a high regard for human rights prevail.

Academics are of prime importance but the fact that we do not live our lives in isolation is also given attention. An outreach program into the community gives the older students an opportunity to work as volunteers at the New Community Extended Care Facility, to become Babyland helpers, Senior Citizen Aides, and Mission helpers.

Field trips which are purposeful, well coordinated, and enriching are highlights for the students.

In order to maintain tuition charges for the school at a reasonable level, events such as the Festival and Auction are a MUST. St. Rose School educates 300 students. The per pupil cost for each child is \$1,943 for the academic year 1992-1993. Each child's tuition is \$990-\$1,530 for the first child, therefore the difference must be made up through fundraising.

The night is a joyous event for the atmosphere is one of festivity and the auction part is a simple choice of which of the fabulous prizes you would like to use your tickets on.

It is Saturday, February 27th at Roselle Catholic High School. Donation is \$20. For tickets, call 482-0682. Bring your families. Reserve your tables.

## Reaching Out To Somalia

The children and teachers of St. Rose of Lima participated in an outreach program that lasted two weeks, from November 16 to November 30, as the children brought in money to help the people in Somalia. During our Thanksgiving time, when we think of all the blessings that are ours, we remembered others who are not as fortunate as we.

Somalia has been in the news recently and it was easy for the children to see who they were helping. They were encouraged to give a dime for every year of life that they have had. Life is so precious and it is being taken away from so many in the country of

Somalia because of their situation.

Money collected went to the Holy Childhood Association whose goal is to help children around the world who are in need.

The Holy Childhood Association sent posters and information dealing with the situation. Some classes divided the children into different continents with various amounts of food, to get a better idea of the world's distribution of food. Not only was the project a response to our Christian vocation of helping those in need but it became a geography and economic lesson as well.



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
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